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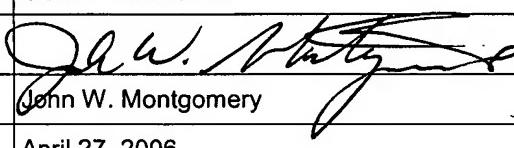
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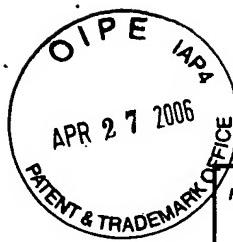
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Filing Date	June 20, 2003
First Named Inventor	Reinhard Knuth
Art Unit	3746
Examiner Name	T. P. Solak
Attorney Docket Number	17128/002001

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Fee Description	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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Reinhard Knuth et al.

Application No.: 10/600,729

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Art Unit: 3746

For: TUBE COUPLING FOR A PERISTALTIC
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Examiner: T. P. Solak

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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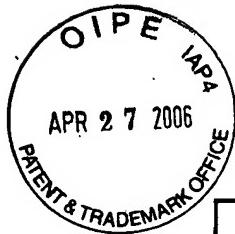
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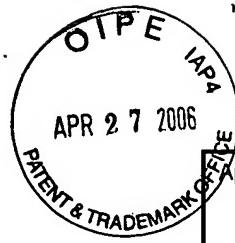
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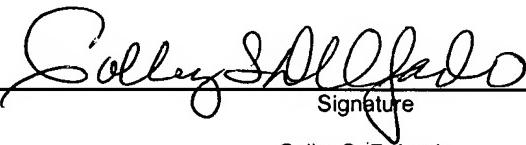
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